

REMARKS

I. CLAIM OBJECTION

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for noting the deficiency in the claim numbers. Former claims numbered as 46-51 have been renumbered as claims 47-52, respectively.

II. DOUBLE PATENTING / §103 REJECTIONS

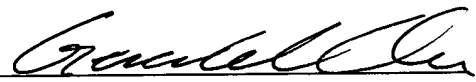
Claims 26-52 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,621,889. Attached herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming that portion of the term of any patent granted on the present application extending beyond the term of United States Patent Nos. 6,621,889. It is believed that the Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the double patenting rejection.

Based on the foregoing, all remaining claims are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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